



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Tetsuo YAMADA

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Examiner: Heather R. Long

Atty. Dkt. No.: 107317-00017

For: CHARGE TRANSFER DEVICE, SOLID STATE IMAGE PICKUP DEVICE USING
CHARGE TRANSFER DEVICE, AND CONTROL METHOD FOR SOLID STATE
IMAGE PICKUP DEVICE

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION OF SPECIES

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 28, 2004, for which a two-month extension of time is hereby requested, Applicants hereby provisionally elect Species III, Figures 6-8, namely Claims 1-9. Claims 1-9 read on the third embodiment typically shown in Figures 6-8. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed.

The Office Action asserts there are no generic claims. Applicants respectfully disagree and submit that Claims 1-2 are generic to Species I and that Claims 1-9 are generic Species II. Therefore, upon allowance of any one of the identified generic claims, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and joinder of the claims to the Species I and II, as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.141.

This election is made **without traverse**. Consideration and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested.

It is believed that extensions of time are not required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2300 referencing docket number **107317-00017**.

Respectfully submitted,



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